The Hanson Place Baptist Church of Brooklyn has called the Rey. A. McFarlane of Michigan to its

pulpit. The call has been accepted. The expense of collecting and disbursing the 4nissionary funds of the Methodist Episcopal Church is 21e per cent of the amount collected.

The Presbyterian ministers of Philadelphia, at their last weekly meeting, Dec. 11, took up the subject of "Lay Preaching and Evangelists."

The Jewish Messenger of this city reports that M. Yitta, the projector of the North Sea Canal, which was recently opened at Amsterdam, is of Jewish descent. Mr. Gladstone is engaged upon a translation of the Latin preface to the Welsh version of the Bible published by Rishop Morgan in the reign of Queen Edza-beth.

Upon its completion, the Roman Cathohe Cathedral at Hartford, Conn., will be the largest church edifice in New-England. Its spires will be 250 feet in

The elergymen of Chicago have invited Messrs. Whitle and Bliss, the evangelists, to carry on the religions meetings after Mr. Moody's departure for Boston.

The Baptist Ministers of Boston have chosen for discussion, at their meeting on next Monday, the ques-tion, "Is it advisable to continue the international series of Sabbath-school sessions?"

A meeting for prayer for Congress was held in Philadelphia upon Dec. 4, at which Mr. George H. Stuart presided. Similar meetings are to be held in Phil-adelphin as long as Congress is in session.

Over twenty of the students of the Oberlin Theological Seminary (Congregational) have the temporary charge of churches during their Winter vacation. The majority of this number preach in Ohio.

The number of church members in the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Illinois is, according to the journal of the convention of 1876, 7.448 persons. The total contributions for the year were \$211,679.

A new church in connection with the Methodist Episcopal mission in Norway was dedicated at Laurvig upon Nov. 5. The building will accommodate 500 persons. The society which worships in it has 105

Bishop Dudley of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky began a "mission" at Newport, Ky., on Monday evening, Dec. 11. Missions were held last year throughout London by the clergymen of the Established Church. The Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff of the Union

Theological Seminary leaves New-York to-day for a visit to Palestine and the East. On his way home he will attend the Pan-Presbyterian Council, which meets in Ed-inburgh next July. The week of united prayer (Jan. 7-14) will

be observed in London by meetings in the West End and in the City. The West-End services will be held in Lang-bam Hall; those in the City at the Wesleyan Centenary Hall, Bishopeute-st. The next Protestant Episcopal Church Con-

gress will be held in this city early in November, 1877. will immediately tollow the meeting of the General Convention. Bishop Potter has been invited to preside, and has accepted the invitation. Four Roman Catholic missionaries were sent

this Autumn to the United States from the American College at Louvain, Belgium. Two of them were designated for the diocese of Alton, one for the diocese of Newark, and one for the diocese of Buffalo. Five bundred and sixty persons have been confirmed this year in the Church of the Holy Trinity, of

which the Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Tyng, jr., is the rector. The last confirmation, which numbered 121 persons, took place on Sunday evening of this week. The Union Gospel meetings at Indianapolis, which are conducted by Dr. Munhall, continue to attract large crowds. Messrs. Whittle and Bliss are still in

Peoria. The evangellats were assisted at several of their recent services by Mr. R. C. Morgan of London. Mr. Moody's Tabernacle meetings in Chicago have been fully attended to this date. On the very cold

Friday evening of last week the sermon was to business men; 4,000 persons attended. The interest awakened in Chicago prevails extensively through the North-West-The death is announced of the Rev. James Lynch, Vicar-General of the Roman Catholic diocese of Hartford, and paster of St. Patrick's Church, New-Ha-

ven. In crossing the railroad track he fell and sprained his back. He was appointed Vicar-General of the diocese in August last. The Yale College Chapel received last week

the two memorial windows—those to Jonathan Edwards and Bishop Berkeley—needed to make it complete. In the religious services the "College Hymnal" is used. The audience-room of the old chapel has been converted Sunday and Monday, Oct. 28 and 29, 1877,

have been named by the delegates of the London Sunday-school Union, the Church of England Sunday-school Institute, the Wesleyan Sunday-school Union, and the Ragged School Union of London, as days of universal prayer for Sunday-schools. At the recent-annual meeting of the Penn-

sylvania Branch of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the amount raised by the Women's Auxiliary Society during the past year was reported to be \$90,569, of which sum the Pennsylvania Branch contributed \$16,636.

The Ministerial Union of Philadelphia, a body

composed of evangelical elergymen, will hold one of its quarterly meetings upon Monday next, Dec. 18, at the Presbyterian Assembly Rooms. The topic announced for discussion is: "The best method of reaching the outlying masses of this city by the evangelical churches as now constituted."

Miss Smiley has been holding a series of services in the Congregational Church of Rutland, Veront. She is about beginning another series in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Burlington. The Rutland Herald says: "Miss Smiley has made a very favorable impression here as a preacher and as an accomplished and agreeable lady."

The British Museum has just received the ellection of antiquities, chiefly Babylonian, which the late Mr. George Smith purchased in Bagdad. The collec-tion consists of about 2,000 objects, among which are a lion with the name of the Egyptian Shepherd King Set inscribed upon its breast, and tablets dated in the reign of King Beishazzar.

Tife union of two Congregational churches of New-Haven is proposed, namely, the Third Church and College Street Church. If the proposition, which has been favorably received, is carried out, the two congregations, under the name of the Third Church, will worship in the College-st building. The new body would consist of 700 members.

The Congregationalist calls for the establishment of a distinct district Sunday-school bureau for the supervision of Sunday-schools in the Congregational churches. The effort to obtain a more thorough organization of Sunday-school work, through the American Home Missionary Society, has not succeeded, the society ning to do more than receive and disburse contri-

The Second Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, which was founded by the Rev. Gilbert Ten nent and Whitefield, celebrated on the 6th inst, its 183d anniversary. Its charter bears the names of Thomas and John Penn. The church now stands upon Walnut and Twesty first-sts. Many reminiscences of "the older time" were brought forward by the speakers who took part in the celebration.

At the late annual meeting of the stockholders of the " Point Chautauqua Summer Resort," held at Mayville, N. Y., the Hon. Walter L. Sessions elected President. Seven miles of avenues have been graded, and in part covered with gravel; 1,200 shade trees have been planted, a good wharf constructed, and a grove of twenty acres improved. This Summer resort is under Raptist direction.

Eight Roman Catholic dioceses of Prussia are new vicent; the whole number of dioceses in the kingdom is twelve. The Bishop of Münster, whose conviction for alleged embetzlement of diocesan funds was yesterday announced by cable, left Prussia some time ago. His secretary, chaplain, and accountant were also included in the indictment. The Bishop of Limburg was recently summoned before a court to answer charges of violating the May laws. He has fled from the kingdom. The property of the vacated sees is administered by State officers; the absent bishops, however, claim the right of direction, and exercise it as far as they can.

The report on denominational comity adopted by the General Conference of the Congregat Churches of Connecticut, to which reference has already been made in this column, specifies the following results as likely to flow from the acceptance of this principle of lure: 1. It would restrain all efforts and measures directly designed to proselyte the members of one communion to another. 2. It would discourage any attempt to organize a new church on ground already sufficiently supplied with churches. 3. It would encourage all Christians living where a competent num-ber of churches was established to connect them. selves with such churches. 4. It would, in new centers of population, require Christians of different denomi

tions to unite in sustaining some one church for the

benefit of them all. 5. It would help to unite weak

churches of different denominations which draw sup-

part from the same neighborhood. 6. It would make it

s point of honor that members of one denomination should not be received into the churches of anothe except upon letters of dismission or recommendation.

Churches observing the law of county must, as a preceding condition of such observance, fully recognize each other's churchly standing.

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